

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A method for providing educational services to at least one user engaging in at least one activity, comprising:

automatically monitoring, by an agent, of the at least one activity;

detecting, by said agent, of at least one criteria comprising the event;

upon an event, automatically and temporarily interrupting, by the agent, of the at least one activity;

automatically presenting educational services to the at least one user by the agent during said interrupting; and,

allowing the at least one user to reengage with the at least one activity based, at the point of said interrupting, upon an interaction with the agent during said presenting;

wherein the interaction is associated with the educational services.

Claim 2. (Cancelled)

Claim 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one activity comprises at least one of operating a software application, watching television, participating in a chat group, surfing the web, participating with instant messaging, and perceiving an audio/visual presentation.

Claim 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one user comprises a plurality of users, and wherein said allowing the at least one user to reengage with the activity is based upon a collaborative interaction of the plurality users with the agent.

Claim 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said automatically presenting comprises retrieving data from at least one remote database by any one of manual and automatic use of a Uniform Resource Locator address.

Claim 6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 4~~5~~, wherein said retrieving comprises generating at least one Hyper Text Transfer Protocol request.

Claim 7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the interaction is at least partially dependent upon a database of user characteristics, wherein the user characteristics are substantially indicative of the at least one user.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) A system for providing educational services to at least one user engaging in at least one activity comprising:

at least one microprocessor device, ~~comprising:~~ wherein said microprocessor device comprises a detector for automatically monitoring said at least one user's engaging in said at least one activity for an event;

code for temporarily and automatically interrupting at least one user's engagement with at least one activity upon ~~an~~ the event; and

code for presenting at least one educational service to said at least one user during the interrupting.

Claim 9. (Cancelled)

Claim 10. (Original) The system of claim 8, further comprising at least one system resource provider being suitable for interacting with said code for interrupting and for providing data indicative of said at least one educational service to said code for interrupting.

Claim 11. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein said data indicative is provided to said code for interrupting via at least one communications network.

Claim 12. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein said device comprises at least one device selected from a group consisting of a personal computer, a television, and a gaming console.

Claim 13. (Original) The system of Claim 8, wherein said device comprises at least one communications device.

Claim 14. (Original) The system of Claim 13, wherein said communications device comprises a telephone.

Claim 15. (Currently amended) A computer program product embodied on a computer-readable storage medium for providing educational services to at least one user engaging in at least one activity, said computer program product comprising:

code for enabling an agent to automatically monitor said user's engaging in said at least one activity;

code for automatically and temporarily interrupting said engaging in said at least one activity using said enabled agent upon an event;

code for detecting the event occurrence using said enabled agent;

code for automatically presenting educational services to said at least one user using said enabled agent; and,

code for allowing said at least one user to reengage with said activity based upon user interaction with said enabled agent;

wherein said user interaction is associated with said educational services.

Claim 16. (Cancelled)

Claim 17. (Original) The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the at least one activity comprises at least one of operating a software application, participating in a chat group, watching television, surfing the web, participating with instant messaging, and perceiving an audio/visual presentation.

Claim 18. (Original) The computer program product of claim 15, wherein said at least one user comprises a plurality of users, and said code for allowing said at least one user to reengage with said activity is based upon a collaborative interaction of said plurality users with said enabled agent.

Claim 19. (Original) The computer program product of claim 15, wherein said code for automatically presenting comprises code for retrieving data from at least one remote database by any one of manual and automatic use of a Uniform Resource Locator address.

Claim 20. (Original) The computer program product of claim 18, wherein said code for retrieving comprises code for generating at least one Hyper Text Transfer Protocol request.

Claim 21. (Original) The computer program product of claim 15, wherein said user interaction is at least partially dependent upon a database of user characteristics, said user characteristics being generally indicative of said at least one user.

Claim 22. (New) A method for providing educational services to at least one user engaging in at least one activity, said method comprising:

automatically monitoring, by an agent, of said engaging in said at least one activity;

detecting, by said agent, of an occurrence of at least one criteria;

automatically and temporarily interrupting, by said agent, of said engaging in said at least one activity, dependently upon said detecting;

automatically presenting educational services to said at least one user by said agent during said interrupting; and,

allowing said at least one user to reengage with said activity based upon an interaction with said agent during said presenting;

wherein, said interaction is associated with said educational services.

Claim 23. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein the at least one activity comprises at least one of operating a software application, participating in a chat group, surfing the web, participating with instant messaging, and perceiving an audio/visual presentation.

Claim 24. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein said automatically presenting comprises retrieving data from at least one remote database by any one of manual and automatic use of a Uniform Resource Locator address.

Claim 25. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein said retrieving comprises generating at least one Hyper Text Transfer Protocol request.

Claim 26. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein said user interaction is at least partially dependent upon a database of user characteristics, said user characteristics generally indicative of said at least one user.

Claim 27. (New) A system for providing educational services to at least one user engaging in at least one activity, said system comprising at least one microprocessor device, said device comprising:

a detector for automatically monitoring said at least one user's engaging in said at least one activity for at least one predefined criteria; and

code for temporarily and automatically interrupting said user engagement with said activity and presenting at least one educational service to said at least one user responsively to said detecting.

Claim 28. (New) The system of claim 27, further comprising at least one system resource provider being suitable for interacting with said code and to provide data indicative of said at least one educational service to said code.

Claim 29. (New) The system of claim 28, wherein said data is provided to said code via at least one communications network.

Claim 30. (New) The system of claim 27, wherein said device comprises at least one device selected from a group consisting of a personal computer and a gaming console.

Claim 31. (New) The system of Claim 27, wherein said device comprises at least one communications device.

Claim 32. (New) The system of Claim 31, wherein said communications device comprises a telephone.

Claim 33. (New) The system of Claim 27, further comprising a plurality of microprocessor based devices, each of said devices comprising:

a detector for automatically monitoring said at least one user's engaging in said at least one activity for at least one predefined criteria;

code for temporarily and automatically interrupting said user engagement with said activity and presenting at least one educational service to said at least one user responsively to said detecting; and

at least one communicator for coordinating said interrupting.

Claim 34. (New) A computer program product embodied on a computer-readable storage medium for providing educational services to at least one user engaging in at least one activity, said computer program product comprising:

code for enabling an agent to automatically monitor said user's engaging in said at least one activity;

code for detecting an occurrence of at least one criteria using said enabled agent;

code for automatically and temporarily interrupting said engaging in said at least one activity using said enabled agent dependently upon said detecting;

code for automatically presenting educational services to said at least one user using said enabled agent; and,

code for allowing said at least one user to reengage with said activity based upon user interaction with said enabled agent;

wherein, said user interaction is associated with said educational services.

Claim 35. (New) The computer program product of claim 34, wherein the at least one activity comprises at least one of operating a software application, participating in a chat group, surfing the web, participating with instant messaging, and perceiving an audio/visual presentation.

Claim 36. (New) The computer program product of claim 34, wherein said code for automatically presenting comprises code for retrieving data from at least one remote database by any one of manual and automatic use of a Uniform Resource Locator address.

Claim 37. (New) The computer program product of claim 36, wherein said code for retrieving comprises code for generating at least one Hyper Text Transfer Protocol request.

Claim 38. (New) The computer program product of claim 34, wherein said user interaction is at least partially dependent upon a database of user characteristics, said user characteristics generally indicative of said at least one user.